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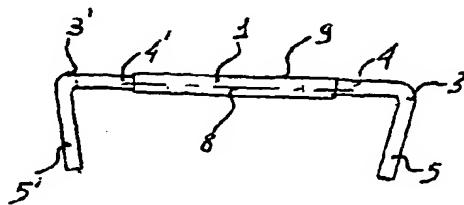
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(57) **Abstract:** A staple for the suture of the sternum having a central body with right and left threaded ends in which two teeth are screwed able to be introduced into suitable holes made astride a median sternotomy performed on a patient. Rotating the central body draws the teeth together or apart, thus tightening the two halves of the sternum with appropriate tension. The staple is suitable to be tightened by means of an apparatus provided with friction, to give the correct tightening tension. Also described are a method for the suture of the sternum and punch cutter forceps suitable to be used in such operation.